

*O*Grace Presbyterian Church

10 July 2022

9:30am

Ordinary Time, Proper 10

*Rooted in Christ, We Gather in Spirit.
Welcome to Worship!*



Source: Internet

We Gather

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Come, neighbors and strangers,

prophets and seekers of justice,

those who need a helping hand,

and those who have something to offer.

Whether your faith is weak or strong,

come: let us be neighbors in this place,

and let us worship God together.

HYMN* *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy*

No. 305

OPENING PRAYER²

God of love and compassion,

you call us to be people of compassion, too:

to experience in our living

the lives of others,

to laugh with their joys

and cry with their sorrows.

In this time of worship

speak to us again your words of love

and remind us again of what it means

to be a neighbor.

We pray in the name of Jesus,

the ultimate neighbor. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF APPROACH & CONFESSION³

God of grace: when we hear prophets calling us to measure up, and we turn away...

forgive us.

When we see our neighbors in need, and turn away...

forgive us.

When we assume we are too busy, or too important, to get involved...

forgive us.

When we try to discredit prophetic voices so that we can ignore them...

forgive us.

When we fail to measure up to being your people...

forgive us.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION⁴

Hear this good news from the letter to the Colossians: We share in the promises God made to all people, and affirm our faith with the Words of Paul.

The Son is the image of the invisible God,

the one who is first over all creation,

Because all things were created by him:

both in the heavens and on the earth,

the things that are visible and the things that are invisible.

Whether they are thrones or powers,

or rulers or authorities,

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**all things were created through him and for him.
He existed before all things,
and all things are held together in him.
He is the head of the body, the church,
who is the beginning,
the one who is firstborn from among the dead^[b]
so that he might occupy the first place in everything.
Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him,
and he reconciled all things to himself through him—
whether things on earth or in the heavens.
He brought peace through the blood of his cross.**

Colossians 1: 15-20

God forgives us and sets us free to live new lives.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Let us greet one another as we would greet Christ, for all
come in the name of the Lord. The peace of Christ be
with you always! **And also with you.**

We Reflect

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁵

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**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

HYMN* For the Fruit of All Creation No. 36

OT SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 25: 1-10

NT SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 1: 1-14

SERMON Rev. Donald M. Pitches
Finest Fruit

We Respond

HYMN* *Jesu, Jesu, Fills us With Your Love* No. 203

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy/in thanksgiving,
Hear our prayer.

*At various points during this prayer, everyone sings the
refrain to the hymn "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"
(#203)*

We give you thanks for the many mercies of each day,
for the kind word given freely,
for the smile offered sincerely,

for the simple moments
when someone loves a neighbor.
(Refrain)

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

We remember and pray
for people who care for others,
all of those whose compassionate attention to detail
enhances another's life.

(Refrain)

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

In a new understanding of being a neighbor,
we give thanks for what we receive
freely from others
who choose to be a neighbor to us,
despite differences that may stand between us.
We pray for a greater understanding and awareness
that everyone is our neighbor.

(Refrain)

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

We give thanks for every opportunity
to be a neighbor to others.
We pray for justice for those
who are mistreated by others.

(Refrain)

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

In the many roads we've yet to walk,
the journeys still to undertake,
may we find our neighbor at every turn,
and accept the ongoing surprise of your gospel,
in the neighborhood of your reign.

(Refrain)

***Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

OUR GIFTS OF SACRIFICE and THANKSGIVING

*Invitation*⁶

The king of Aram sent gifts of silver, gold, and clothing so that the king of Israel would receive his messenger. How blessed are we, that God does not demand such gifts from us!

God is always open to us, present with us and glad to receive us, regardless of what we have or what we bring. In gratitude for this unconditional love and unconditional welcome, let us offer our gifts.

Thank you to all those whose gifts and offerings have sustained the church during these difficult times. Plates will be passed among the congregation, and are available in the sanctuary exits to receive your offering. You can give online by visiting the church website.

Musical Meditation Ted Elias

*Doxology**

God, We Honor You

No. 709

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**God, we honor you. God, we trust in you.
God we worship and adore you.
Take what we bring, offered to you.
Teach us to show your abundant blessing.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication**⁷

God of grace and compassion,
may our gifts enable your church to be a place where
strangers become friends,
outcasts are welcomed,
seekers receive,
and doubters find faith.
In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

We Are Sent

CLOSING HYMN* *God of the Fertile Fields* No. 714

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION*

Go from this gathering
to meet your neighbor
with open hands and an open heart,
giving and receiving the goodness of God's love!
Let us be people of the "Golden Rule".

**We go to love God,
and to love our neighbors
as we love ourselves. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

****Indicates please stand in body and/or in spirit.***

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